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TODAY'S MESSAGE

On Nov 22, CSAF, 29 pioneers in military aviation and local civic leaders commemorated the **Centennial of Flight and a Gathering of Eagles at Edwards AFB**.

The event included a tour of Boeing's Long Beach factory, a flight to Edwards AFB on a C-17 and an airpower demonstration.

The AF Centennial of Flight Office, key coordinator of the centennial celebration, centered the events around the objectives of

- Building, maintaining, and strengthening relationships with the worldwide aviation community through support of and participation in Centennial of Flight activities
- Researching, developing, coordinating and supporting opportunities to promote a deeper understanding of America's air force as part of our proud heritage and our vision

The Gathering of Eagles is an aviation event that traces its origin back to 1980, when BGen Paul Tibbets was invited to share his experiences with Air Command and Staff College students at Maxwell AFB.

Eagles who gathered for the Edwards event included

- [BGen Chuck Yeager](#), first pilot to break the sound barrier
- [Maj Bernie Fisher](#), first living AF Medal of Honor recipient
- [Florene Miller Watson](#), one of the original WW II Women's Auxiliary Ferry Squadron Pilots

SENIOR LEADERS ARE SAYING...

- We're celebrating 100 years of powered flight and we bring to the **Gathering of Eagles** the heroes of aviation. What we have is a bloodline of all of aviation, coming here to see where we are in the modern day. It's a profound event. (CSAF, Nov 03)

TODAY'S INTERVIEWS

- **AF Magazine** w/ AF/SE on AF safety trends